Statement

Sl. No.	Name of the State	States of Waiting List Waiting List as on 31-3-92	Waiting List as on 30-9-92
1.	Andhra Pradesh	124938	166399
2.	Assam	11209	14355
3.	Bihar	27605	30227
4.	Gujarat (includes Diu, Daman, Dadra and Nagar (Haveli)	183361	215993
5.	Haryana	71708	83065
6.	Himachal Pradesh	12020	16336
7.	J & K	18762	21403
8.	Karnataka	131970	167954
9.	Kerala	216849	264179
10.	Madhya Pradesh	73179	98488
11.	Maharashtra (includes Goa)	428947	494322
12.	N. E. (Includes Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland & Tripura)	5494	8698
13.	Orissa	6060	8280
14.	Punjab	142849	167576
15.	Rajasthan	134870	163025
16.	Tamil Nadu (Includes Pondichery)	224469	271660
17.	Uttar Pradesh	96376	137509
18.	West Bengal (Includes Sikkim)	58784	66126
19.	U. T. Delhi	317143	365366
		2286593	2760961

Sanctioning of Telephones in Excess of M. Ps. Quota

1204. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL ALIAS MEEM AFZAL : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state ::

(a) whether it is a fact that the telephone connections, in excess to the quota prescribed for M.Ps. have been sanctioned on the recommendations of certain M.Ps. during the period from the 1st January, 1992 to the 31st October, 1992;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what is the number of telephone connections sanctioned for Delhi and outside Delhi on the recommendation of each M.P. during this period;

(d) what are the reasons for sanctioning telephone connections in excess to prescribed quota; and

(e) whether Government propose to grant this concession to remainin M.Ps. as well ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATION (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Damage and tampering of mail

1205. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the incidents of damaging and tampering of mail by the employees of the postal department are on the rise throughout the country;

(b) if so, what are the details of complaints made by the general public in this regard during the last three years in each State and Union Territory;

(c) the number of cases in which action was taken and responsibility fixed and the number of cases in which compensation was paid; and

(d) what action Government have taken or propose to take to ensure the safety of mail from damage and tampering in the country ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU) : (a) to (d) The information is being obtained and would be placed on the table of the House.

Group Dialling facilities in Madhya Pradesh Telephone Exchanges

1206. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that many telephone exchanges, particularly, the smaller ones in the State of Madhya Pradesh do not have group dialling facilities;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government propose to take to make available the group dialling facilities in all the telephone exchanges in Madhya Pradesh ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU) : (a) and (b) There are 1566 telephone exchanges in Madhya Pradesh. Out of which 253 are having Group Dialling facility.

(c) Schemes have been prepared for providing Group Dialling facilities in 407 eligible telephone exchanges in Madhya Pradesh during 1992-93 and for the remaining during 1993-94.

Losses suffered by Telecom Department

1207. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have recently adopted a policy wherein the staff members would be held accountable for the losses of revenue suffered by the Telecommunication Department;

(b) if so, in how many cases, Government have fixed responsibility and staff members held accountable for the loss; and

(c) what is the extent to which such steps would increase the efficiency of the Department ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU : (a) Sir, disciplinary rules already contain provisions for recovery of any pecuniary loss suffered by the Department from any employee if he is held directly responsible. No other new policy in this regard has been recently adopted.

(b) and (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Australian Technology for Network Management system in the country

1208. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Telecom Australia had offered "Grant in-aid" for setting up a Network Management System at the national and regional levels in the country and that the offer has been accepted by Government;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the telecast technologies offered by Australia is obsolete; and